

<1/21/19 Strike Update> No Agreement Yet, Strike Will Continue Tomorrow

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Dear Los Angeles Charter Leaders,

We write with today's updates and news coverage on the eve leading up to the sixth weekday of the UTLA strike in LAUSD schools, including the ongoing negotiations at City Hall, UTLA's announcements of activities next week, and notable stories that appeared over the weekend in the media.

- **Most importantly, please know:**

- We will continue **daily 5pm member calls until the strike ends**. We will send calendar invites tomorrow morning for tomorrow.
- **UTLA will strike tomorrow no matter** what happens at the bargaining table tonight or tomorrow morning.
- We should be prepared for an announcement at any time regarding "gives" on charter policy to help secure a deal and end the strike. While we are making every effort to fight back against such a "give" we know that the pressure being put on electeds related to charter policy is immense. **We must be ready to mobilize as needed**
- We therefore ask that you **monitor your email throughout the day for critical bargaining updates**.

Bargaining between LAUSD and UTLA is ongoing, and the process for approving a deal could prolong a strike. While the two sides spent more than 50 hours at the bargaining table, in confidential talks brokered by the Mayor and City Hall over the last 5 days, they have not reached a deal. Amidst the speculation on when a deal could appear, the union leadership noted that they would continue the strike until their full membership had a chance to vote on a new agreement. Bargaining is expected to continue at City Hall until a deal is reached. **If a deal is reached tonight or tomorrow, UTLA has made it clear that there will still be a strike tomorrow while members ratify their contract. It is important to not that we should be prepared for the strike to continue throughout the week.**

UTLA will hold another all-member rally in Grand Park tomorrow at 10:30am. UTLA members will again march from Grand Park to LAUSD headquarters at the Beaudry building, which may take activity away from picket lines in the afternoon. They are framing that this may be a rally to keep pushing for their contract, or a way to celebrate their win before going back to the classroom.

Stories and opinion pieces highlighting charter schools appeared over the weekend in local and national media. These include [this piece about charters providing ongoing instruction during the strike](#), which highlights STEM Prep.

As always, please contact our team with any questions, and review consequential news media clips and CCSA-provided resources below:

- [Washington Post on 1/18: Why does the L.A. teachers union want to limit the options for poor children?](#)
- [KPCC/LAist on 1/21: Deal Or No Deal, LA Teachers Strike Will Continue Tuesday](#)

- LA Times on 1/21: LAUSD teachers to stay off the job Tuesday, even if a settlement is reached
- WSJ on 1/18: Teachers' Strike Highlights Split Among Democrats Over Education
- LA Daily News on 1/18: Former LAUSD board president Zimmer may be helping in talks to end teachers strike

Again, with logistical or media issues throughout the strike, please contact your Regional Advocacy Director:

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In addition, please plan to join us tomorrow at 5PM for an evening member call.

We have updated member resources and are sharing new guidance. Our recently **UPDATED** Strike Preparedness How-To Guide for Charter School Leaders includes a complete list of all member resources, including:

- **NEW:** Updated letter to families with new strike date and recommendations on interacting with members of the media.
- **NEW:** Sample Statement for Charter Schools to Give to Media During LAUSD Strike
- **NEW:** Charter Educator Update on UTLA's Open Letter to Charter Teachers (Please review this resources with your legal counsel before distributing to your staff, particularly if you have unique school-specific labor considerations.)
- As a reminder, the **LA School Police Watch Command number is (213) 625-6631**. Detailed information on contacting law enforcement is available in our Picketing Guide.

In an effort to equip members to focus on serving kids while we tackle the broader narrative, CCSA has created the following NEW resource page for media on the strike.

As a reminder, if you receive media inquiries, please **let your RA Director** know, and then use this **NEW** statement to refer reporters to us.

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6. How can we further pressure the District to settle?

Call Superintendent Deanne A. Rowntree, Members Vladimir and Gerry

Finded new phone lines with messages that say "As parents of LAUSD students we demand that LAUSD settle on a schedule that gives our students what they deserve. We want smaller class sizes and more nurses, counselors and therapists. Our teachers deserve a raise. We want community schools that provide students with the resources they need to thrive."

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